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Aloha from the Board!



(Makiki Neighborhood Board)

Your Makiki Tantalus Neighborhood Board meets each month to gather information concerning police and fire protection, road safety, dangerous conditions in our neighborhood and zoning and special use permitting matters. The Board's efforts have resulted in many positive changes to our community. The Board's goal is to help Makiki and Tantalus to be one of Oahu's finest places to live.

Join us the Third Thursday of each month at Makiki Park Art and Crafts Room at 7 p.m. Together we can make our community the best community on Oahu.

Chair John Steelquist reaches 20 years of service to the Board

Neighborhood Board Chairman John Steelquist recently completed his 20th year of service to the residents of the Makiki Tantalus area. Congratulations to Chairman Steelquist for his many years on the neighborhood board. Thanks to John for his care and concern for our community.



(Chair John Steelquist)

Garbage In The Street

Getting tired of seeing garbage and bulky items in the street by your house or apartment? Tired of not being able to walk down the sidewalk without worrying about tripping and seriously injuring your self or your family members? Tired of junk on the sidewalks impeding wheelchairs or citizens using walkers or strollers? Well here are some important rules about the pick-up of "**bulky items**" in the Makiki area:

1. Our bulky-item pick up days start on the second Wednesday of each month. You should not put bulk items Out on the street until the night before the Wednesday pick up date. Even if your tenant leaves on the first day



(Dressers awaiting bulky item pick-up)

of the month you have to wait until the night before the second Wednesday of the month. Why mess up the neighborhood? Wait until the right date. Please cooperate to keep sidewalks and streets safe and comfortable.

2. Bulky items means items that are not garbage, foods, etc. Bulky items are refrigerators, appliances, furniture, etc. No garbage or waste products can be placed out for the bulky item pickup. Garbage is not the same as bulky items. If you are unsure whether the item can be placed out for bulky item pick up, call Honolulu Hale and ask someone. You can call 523 - 4685 or 523 -4424 for more information.

3. Batteries are not bulky items and cannot be dumped off for bulky item pick up days. The batteries will not be picked up.

4. Be considerate of others. Don't dump bulky items anywhere and anytime. That makes our community look trashy. Be proud and thoughtful of others. Don't dump until its time.



(Obey no dumping signs!)

Pick It Up - Pick It Up - Pick It Up!

Help clean our community clean. Pick up two pieces of trash each time you walk, jog, bike, or are on our sidewalks and streets. If each person helped we would have neater neighborhoods. Take pride in your Makiki Tantalus neighborhood. Care for the 'Aina!

"Two a day---that's the way"

Your Board in Action, not just talk, talk, talk.....

Your Neighborhood Board has attempted to do the following:



1. Support your local Makiki Library. We requested the assistance of our elected officials in supporting our independent but popular library. Repairs are currently underway and some funding has been secured from the City to improve the structure of the library during the next few years. The State did not contribute but we keep asking them to help with this important community run library.

2. The Board takes testimony concerning all major construction projects, zoning proposals, special use permit requests, and land use permit changes in our neighborhood. We listen to concerned citizen groups and have provided our opinions concerning the proposed actions.

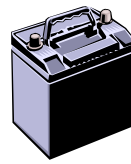
3. We have monitored requested changes by the Contemporary Art Museum, and a request to set up a multi-resident senior citizen home in Tantalus. Many compromises to these proposals were made due to concerns expressed at Neighborhood Board meetings.

4. We continue to press the City to put in sidewalks for the benefits of our senior citizens and students as they walk through our neighborhood. We won't quit until there are sidewalks along our busy streets.

5. We continue to request an additional day for bulky item pick up. Currently the big items (furniture, appliances, etc.) are picked up on the second Wednesday of each month but that is not enough time to get all of our big items off the streets. Makiki needs another day to remove this garbage and we will keep pushing for this additional service for our residents.

6. We continue to report dangerous conditions to City and State officials. Our goal is to remove the dangerous conditions before persons are injured. Help us by reporting dangerous conditions immediately.

Abandoned Batteries are Bad News



Did you know that the battery that you leave on the curbside could seriously injure a young person, a jogger or an elderly person? At night these discarded batteries are very dangerous trip devices. Why then do so many of our residents leave batteries along the side of our streets? Who knows? Maybe people really do not care? Maybe they are lazy and don't want to take the old battery back to the store where they bought their new battery? Maybe they don't know what to do with these old but dangerous batteries. Well here is some information about the batteries:

1. Stores that sell you new batteries are required to take your old battery and discard it. But you have to take your old battery to that store.

2. Batteries are not considered bulky items. So you cannot include them with other bulky items. You must dispose of them by taking them to a store that sold you a new battery or by calling the Honolulu Yard Supervisor at 832 - 7840. Supervisors will pick up these batteries when they do their refuse inspection visits to our community.



(Abandoned battery)

Yes batteries are a problem in our community but if everybody did their part by taking their old batteries to collection sites, our streets would be safer.

Helpful Tips from your Neighborhood Board

Fire Tips



- 1) Don't leave stove on when you leave your house or apartment.
- 2) Check your fire alarms regularly to make sure they are in working order.
- 3) Don't put too many electrical devices on the same outlet.
- 4) Have a **Family Fire Exit Plan**, and make sure your family knows it!



Driving Tips

- 1) Speeding could kill a kid.....Slow down.
- 2) Stop at corners before turning left at Keeaumoku and Wilder.....please.
- 3) Mid block pedestrian cross-walks are death traps..... slow down and open up your eyes..
- 4) Don't run red lights; protect our children and senior citizens!



Always report fallen traffic signals, defective traffic control lights, and dangerous traffic or pedestrians conditions to the police department by calling 9-1-1. For non-emergency conditions, contact Joseph Zuiker, dangerous conditions sub-committee chair, at 523-1142.

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Community Suggestion Box



You talk and we listen!

Not happy about services or facilities in the community? Give us an ear full. Your neighborhood board really wants to hear your suggestions to make our community better. Let us know what is bothering you and what ideas you have fixing the problem. Just fill out the enclosed form. Clip it out and send it back to us:

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I am concerned about () Traffic and Street Repairs () Crime () Garbage/sanitation () Noise () Housing problems () Bus service () Other matters.

Comments _____



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